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## PERU.

*Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Plague in Peru—Plague in Chilean ports.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gutierrez reports, August 11:

Week ended August 8. Bills of health were issued to two vessels with an aggregate personnel of 91 in the crews, 72 cabin and 66 steerage passengers. Both vessels were fumigated.

The following is the last report on plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad Publica:

Locality.	Cases July 20.	New.	Recov- ered.	Died.	Remaining August 3.
Lima (city).....	8	{ 3	4	.....	8
Lima (country).....		{ 1			
Callao.....	2	2	1	1	
San Eulalia (Huarochiri).....		1			
Trujillo (city).....	33	{ 1	11	5	28
Trujillo (country).....		{ 10			
Chilayo.....	2		2		
Mollendo.....	2		2		
Chepen.....	6	16	4	10	8
Ferreñafe.....		1		4	1
San Jose (Lambayeque).....		4			
Payta.....		1		1	

Plague is on the decrease in Salaverry. Since last report only one case of plague has occurred at Callao. The patient was isolated in the lazaretto. No new cases of smallpox have occurred at Lima.

The bills of health from Chilean ports report plague as follows: Antofagasta, July 26, 3 cases; Iquique, July 29, 3 cases and 3 deaths.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Report from Manila—Cholera and smallpox—Cholera in Manila and in the Provinces—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports:

Week ended July 18. For the city of Manila, 1 case of cholera with 1 death and 15 cases of smallpox with 5 deaths were reported.

During the past 6 weeks cases which clinically resembled cholera have been occurring in Manila, and during the past week the cases have become more and more typical, clinically, at autopsy, and bacteriologically. It was not, however, until July 17, 1908, that the cholera spirillum was actually recovered from the intestines of one of these suspects. The case in question occurred in the person of an old Filipino woman, aged about 50, whose means of livelihood was by charity, and she lived in the district of Tondo. Diligent search has failed to trace any connection in this case with any other case, and it is therefore one of the first cases that originated in the city of Manila in the past few months.

The number of provinces infected remains the same as for the previous week, but during the latter part of this week there have been

no further infected towns reported. The number of cases reported for the week by provinces is as follows:

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Capiz.....	32	26
Ilocos Sur.....	118	87
Misamis.....	265	89
Nueva Ecija.....	170	130
Nueva Vizcaya.....	6	6
Pangasinan.....	695	341
Tarlac.....	74	49
Union.....	82	58
Other provinces.....	3	2
Total.....	1,445	788

There has been a considerable increase in the number of cases reported from northern Mindanao, the two principal towns infected being Cagayan and Balingasag, in the province of Misamis. In order to prevent the spread of the disease to islands close to the province of Misamis, a two-days' quarantine has been imposed upon all vessels leaving northern Mindanao.

Owing to the appearance of the disease at San Fernando, Union Province, during the past week, a circular letter was issued by this office which requires that all vessels coming from San Fernando and other ports on the island of Luzon north thereof await quarantine inspection at Manila.

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the port of Manila as follows:

July 15, the United States army transport *Buford*, with 154 in the crew and with 300 passengers, was granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu. The crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected at the Mariveles station. The vessel was partially disinfected. All the cargo and baggage were either disinfected or passed after inspection. All the persons on board were inspected at the hour of sailing. July 17, the American barkentine *Kohala*, with 16 in the crew, was granted a bill of health for Port Townsend, after the usual inspection.

July 18, the United States army transport *Dix*, with 121 in the crew and with 4 passengers, was granted a bill of health for Seattle. The crew and passengers were inspected at the hour of sailing.

#### RUSSIA.

##### *Cholera situation in Russia.*

The following was received from Ambassador Riddle, at St. Petersburg, under date of August 11:

According to a communication from the committee instituted by imperial order to combat cholera there were 98 cases of cholera from July 21 to August 1, as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Government of Astrakhan.....	34	16
Government of Saratov.....	63	31
Syzran, government of Simbirsk.....	1	.....